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SUBJECT: EXPLOITATION OF NARCOTIC TRAWLER SEIZURE (WG-74-0003)

1. FOLLOWING THE SEIZURE OF THE THAI FISHING TRAWLER LUANG LAP LUNG SRI WITH APPROXIMATELY TWO TONS OF OPIUM BY SOUTH VIETNAMESE NAVAL UNITS ON JULY 26, 1974 THE CAPTAIN OF THE NARCOTIC LADEN TRAWLER WAS DEBRIEFED BY VIETNAMESE NATIONAL POLICE.

2. THE CAPTAIN OF THE SEIZED TRAWLER VOLUNTEERED TO GO TO HONG KONG AND PINPOINT THE LOCATION OF A CACHE OF OPIUM AND MORPHINE BASE WHICH HE HAD DROPPED TO THE SEABED OFF THE WEI CHOU ISLAND GROUP. THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE WERE AGREEABLE TO ESCORT THE CAPTAIN IN CUSTODY TO HONG KONG. THE HKNB WAS ADVISED OF THE OFFER THROUGH DEA. THIS INFORMATION CONFIRMED INTELLIGENCE RECEIVED BY THE HONG KONG NARCOTIC BUREAU. IT WAS NOT NECESSARY TO BRING THE THAI CAPTAIN TO HONG KONG AS IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE KONG SUN-CHUEN (3068/2773/1123) GROUP OF TRAFFICKERS WAS IN THE AREA AND DRAGGING THE SEABED FOR THE NARCOTIC CACHE.

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3. ON JULY 14, 1974 KONG'S GROUP OF TRAFFICKERS LOCATED

THE NARCOTICS ON THE OCEAN BED AND TOWED IT TO PING CHOU ISLAND WHERE IT WAS RECOVERED FROM THE SEA ON THE EVENING OF JULY 14 AND THE EARLY MORNING OF JULY 15.

4. ON JULY 15 THE NARCOTICS WERE MOVED INTO HONG KONG TERRITORIAL WATERS AND ELUDED WAITING HONG KONG NARCOTIC BUREAU AND HONG KONG PREVENTIVE SERVICE PATROLS. A HONG KONG NARCOTIC BUREAU SOURCE OF INFORMATION SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED THE LAND LOCATION OF THE NARCOTIC CACHE.

5. ON THE MORNING OF JULY 16, 1974 THE HONG KONG NARCOTIC BUREAU SEIZED ONE TON OF OPIUM AND THREE HUNDRED POUNDS OF MORPHINE BASE FROM A RESIDENCE IN THE SHATIN AREA, NEW TERRITORIES, HONG KONG. TWO CHINESE FEMALES WERE ARRESTED AND IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE SEIZURE WAS UNDER THE CONTROL OF KONG SUN-CHUEN.

6. THE HONG KONG NARCOTIC BUREAU HAS ACKNOWLEDGED DEA ASSISTANCE IN THIS SEIZURE AND EMPHASIZED THEIR EXPLANATION THAT THEY DID NOT REQUEST FROM SOUTH VIETNAM THE SERVICES OF THE APPREHENDED TRAWLER CAPTAIN AS THE NARCOTIC CACHE WAS JETTISONED ON THE SEABED IN PRC WATERS.

7. IN SUMMARY THIS COORDINATED INVESTIGATIVE EFFORT BY THAILAND, SOUTH VIETNAM, HONG KONG AND DEA RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF A TRAWLER WITH TWO TONS OF OPIUM AND THE IMMOBILIZATION OF THE CAPTAIN AND CREW. SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATIVE COOPERATION IN PASSING OF INTELLIGENCE ASSISTED IN THE SEIZURE OF AN ADDITIONAL TON OF OPIUM, THREE HUNDRED POUNDS OF MORPHINE BASE AND THE ARREST OF TWO HONG KONG VIOLATORS. COOPERATION IN A TIMELY MANNER ALLOWED FOR FULL EXPLOITATION OF INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MOVEMENT OF TWO MAJOR INTERNATIONAL NARCOTIC SHIPMENTS. IT ALSO MAXIMIZED THE IMPACT ON THE TRAFFIC BY INCREASING THE AMOUNTS OF NARCOTICS

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SEIZED AND THE NUMBER OF INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED. THE STEPPING UP OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION EXEMPLIFIED BY THIS INVESTIGATION IS ENCOURAGING.
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